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Norfolk, Virginia: Paul J. McNulty, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, announced today that James Turner, age 45, of Chesapeake, Virginia, was sentenced by Judge Jerome B. Friedman in U.S. District Court in Norfolk, Virginia, to 64 months imprisonment, 3 years of supervised release, and restitution of \$392,131.25, for his role in the thefts of merchandise from interstate shipments at Norfolk Southern Railway's trans-shipment point in Chesapeake, Virginia, from the Summer of 2000 until May of 2001.

On April 10, 2002, a federal grand jury returned a superseding indictment, charging him with conspiring to steal \$500,000.00 worth of electronics and other consumer goods from imported cargo containers, trafficking in illegal cable converter boxes, selling the cable boxes, and selling counterfeit watches and fake designer sunglasses at a Norfolk flea market. Turner entered a guilty plea on July 3, 2002.

The case was investigated by the U.S. Customs Service and the Norfolk Southern Railroad Police Department. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Mike Smythers and Assistant United States Attorney Joe DePadilla.